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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JUNE 6, 1978:
EC-PORTUGAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 10770

1. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF EC INDUSTRIAL
POLICY AT THE JUNE 6 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL (SEPTTEL),
UK TRADE SECRETARY DELL RAISED UK CONCERN OVER PENETRATION
OF BRITISH TEXTILES MARKET BY IMPORTS FROM THE MEDITER-
RANEAN, PARTICULARLY GREECE AND PORTUGAL. ACCORDING TO
HIS SPOKESMAN, DELL SPECIFICALLY COMPLAINED THAT THE
AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC COMMISSION AND
PORTUGAL (REFTTEL) DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE TERMS OF THE
COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING MANDATE, AS APPROVED BY THE
COUNCIL LAST DECEMBER. ACCORDING TO A COUNCIL SECRETARIAT
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SPOKESMAN, THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS
ISSUE DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING.

2. IN REMARKS TO THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, UK MINISTER
OF STATE JUDD EMPHASIZED THAT HMG IS PARTICULARLY CON-
CERNED OVER A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE IN THE PORTUGUESE CASE,
SINCE THE COMMISSION INITIALLED AN AGREEMENT EVEN THOUGH

FULLY AWARE THAT THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE FROM THE COUNCIL
HAD BEEN EXCEEDED. A UK DEL SOURCE ADDS THAT HMG HAS NOT
YET DECIDED WHETHER TO STICK TO THIS OPPOSITION IN
PRINCIPLE OR TO MOVE TOWARD A COMPROMISE OUTCOME AS
DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL. HINTON

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